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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

SEXUAL ASSAULT KIT STATUS REPORT

This correspondence is in response to your Board's May 19 and September 1, 2009, requests for monthly status reports on the Sexual Assault Kit (SAK) audit.

Below is the current data associated with the SAK Backlog Elimination Project for incidents occurring prior to November 1, 2008.

The total SAKs for this project was 6,723. Of these 6,723 SAKs, 4,763 were determined to be unanalyzed. As of October 25, 2010, all 4,763 unanalyzed SAKs have been outsourced for analysis, with 82 SAKs awaiting results to be returned from the outsourcing laboratories.

	<u>Initial</u>		Current	
Unanalyzed SAKs	4,763	71%	82	1%
Analyzed SAKs	1,960	29%	6,641	99%
Total SAKs	6,723	100%	6,723	100%

The results received from the outsourced SAKs thus far are as follows:

Sexual Assault Kit (Pre-11/01/2008) Test Results

Positive Biological Material Screen	2,833	61%
Negative Biological Material Screen	1,848	39%
Total Results Received	4,681	100%

A Tradition of Service

Positive Biological Material Screen SAK (Pre-11/01/2008) Status

Pending Completion of Technical Review:		
Unknown Suspect	207	7%
Known Suspect	526	19%
Failed to Meet CODIS Upload Eligibility Requirements	1,015	36%

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Based upon laboratory invoices received, the outsourcing expenditures for the 19 current months, broken down by funding source, are as follows:

Outsourcing Expenditures - September 2009 through March 2011

Month	\$2.3 Million Allocation	DNA Backlog Reduction Grants	Prop. 69	Unit Budget	Totals
September 2009- August 2010	\$143,008	\$2,551,344	\$27,182	\$139,932	\$2,861,466
September 2010	\$0	\$253,068	\$0	\$0	\$253,068
October 2010	\$0	\$127,421	\$0	\$0	\$127,421
November 2010	\$0	\$85,525	\$0	\$0	\$85,525
December 2010	\$88,257	\$140,798	\$0	\$0	\$229,055
January 2011	\$66,102	\$30,112	\$0	\$0	\$96,214
February 2011	\$5,489	\$184,471	\$0	\$0	\$189,960
March 2011	\$1,521	\$69,603	\$0	\$0	\$71,124
Totals	\$304,377	\$3,442,342	\$27,182	\$139,932	\$3,913,833

Personnel Hiring Update

Regarding the six positions (one supervising criminalist and five senior criminalists) authorized by your Board on September 22, 2009, five individuals were selected from

the current certification list. All five individuals have begun employment as criminalists in the Forensic Biology Section. An individual has been selected for the supervising criminalist position and has been transferred to the Forensic Biology Section.

Status of Post November 1, 2008, Sexual Assault Kits

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) continues in-house testing and outsourcing of SAKs submitted subsequent to November 1, 2008. The Department's Scientific Services Bureau has received 1,744 SAKs submitted subsequent to November 1, 2008, with 1,583 of these having completed testing. The remaining 161 SAKs are either in the process of being sent out or in queue for testing, and are broken down into the following categories:

Sexual Assault Kit (Post-11/01/2008) Status

	Unknown Suspect	Known Suspect	Total
Assigned	51	22	73
Pending Assignment	4	84	88
Total	55	106	161

Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) Matches

A total of 483 confirmed CODIS matches involving Department cases have been made from the uploaded profiles. Of these 483 cases, 311 are currently under investigation. One hundred seventy-two cases are closed: 59 resulted in criminal filings (2 of these were related to the processing of the SAK backlog elimination project), 1 case was deferred by the District Attorney's Office to parole authorities in lieu of filing charges, 4 Non-Detained petitions (minor subject) were filed, 69 were rejected for filing by the District Attorney's Office, and 36 were closed due to all workable information being exhausted. Three cases were referred to another law enforcement agency.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact Technical Services Division Chief David R. Betkey at (562) 345-4301.

Sincerely,

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